

Substitute Bill No. 5375

February Session, 2014



AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE ON THE REEMPLOYMENT OF OLDER WORKERS CONCERNING THE TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL SYSTEM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 10-95h of the general statutes is
- 2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July
- 3 1, 2014):

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- (b) On or before November fifteenth, annually:
- 5 (1) The Labor Commissioner shall submit the following to the joint 6 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of 7 matters relating to education, higher education and employment
- 8 advancement and labor: (A) Information identifying general economic
- 9 trends in the state; (B) occupational information regarding the public
- 10 and private sectors, such as continuous data on occupational
- 11 movements; and (C) information identifying emerging regional, state
- and national workforce needs over the next thirty years.
- 13 (2) The superintendent of the technical high school system shall 14 submit the following to the joint standing committees of the General
- 15 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education, higher
- 16 education and employment advancement and labor: (A) Information

17 ensuring that the curriculum of the technical high school system is 18 incorporating those workforce skills that will be needed for the next 19 thirty years, as identified by the Labor Commissioner in subdivision 20 (1) of this subsection, into the technical high schools; (B) information 21 regarding [the employment status of students who graduate from] 22 traditional and adult students who are enrolled or have been enrolled 23 in the technical high school system, including, but not limited to: (i) 24 Demographics such as age and gender, (ii) course and program 25 enrollment and completion, (iii) employment status and retention, and (iv) wage rates prior to enrolling and after graduating; (C) an 26 27 assessment of the adequacy of the resources available to the technical 28 high school system as the system develops and refines programs to 29 meet existing and emerging workforce needs; and (D) 30 recommendations to the State Board of Education to carry out the 31 provisions of subparagraphs (A) to (C), inclusive, of this subdivision. 32 The superintendent of the technical high school system shall 33 collaborate with the Labor Commissioner to obtain information as 34 needed to carry out the provisions of this subsection.

(3) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall submit the following to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education, higher education and employment advancement and labor: (A) Information regarding the relationship between the Department of Economic and Community Development and the technical high school system, (B) information regarding coordinated efforts of the department and the technical high school system to collaborate with the business community, (C) information on workforce training needs identified by the department through its contact with businesses, (D) recommendations regarding how the department and the technical high school system can coordinate or improve efforts to address the workforce training needs identified in subparagraph (C) of this subdivision, (E) information regarding the efforts of the department to utilize the technical high school system in business assistance and economic development programs offered by the department, and (F)

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51 any additional information the commissioner deems relevant.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

| Section 1 | July 1, 2014 | 10-95h(b) |
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